

ABSTRACT

Managing a plurality of multifunction network devices on a
network, each multifunction network device having a plurality of hardware
resources including a storage memory for storing a plurality of function
modules, a program memory for use by the function modules and a processor
for executing each of the function modules, including detecting a
reconfiguration event for one of the plurality of multifunction network
devices, sending a reconfiguration command to the one multifunction network
device, the reconfiguration command being a deletion command to delete at
least one of the function modules or an allocation command to reallocate an
amount of at least one of the hardware resources available for use by each of
the plurality of function modules, and receiving confirmation that the one
multifunction network device has been reconfigured in accordance with the
reconfiguration command.